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SONGKHLA 081 SENT BANGKOK DTD MAY 23 REPEATED QUOTE

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, TH, VS

SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN SONGKHLA

REF : SONGKHLA 078

SUMMARY: THE REFUGEE POPULATION AT THE SONGKHLA NAVAL STATION CONTINUES TO DECLINE. MANY OF THOSE STILL IN THE CAMP HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. MORALE IS BEGINNING TO WAVER. END SUMMARY

1. THE POPULATION IN THE REFUGEE CAMP AT THE SONGKHLA NAVAL STATION IS DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY 250. AN OFFICIAL FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY ARRIVED MAY 22 TO TAKE 29 PERSONS WHO HAVE RELATIVES IN CANADA. THE CHINESE NATIONALIST CONSUL GENERAL SAID MAY 22 THAT CANADA MAY ALSO ACCEPT MORE REFUGEES WITHOUT CONNECTIONS TO THAT COUNTRY UNDER A QUOTA SYSTEM.

2. A CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO FREQUENTLY VISITS THE CAMP SAID MAY 23 THAT MANY OF THE REMAINING REFUGEES ARE THOSE WITH FAMILIES EVACUATED TO GUAM. THESE PEOPLE HAVE HEARD RADIO NEWS REPORTS THAT SOME REFUGEES THE USG EVACUATED NOW WISH TO RETURN TO VIETNAM. THEY FEAR THAT SUCH REFUGEES MAY INCLUDE THEIR FAMILIES WHO DO NOT KNOW THAT THEY HAVE ESCAPED.

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3. COMMENT: NAVAL OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY TRIED TO ENCOURAGE MOST OF THE REFUGEES TO BOARD THE BOATS EARLIER IN THE WEEK WHICH LEFT FOR AUSTRALIA. ACCORDING TO THE CATHOLIC PRIEST THE NAVAL OFFICIALS INTIMATED THAT THOSE WHO DIDN'T LEAVE STOOD A GOOD CHANCE OF BEING RETURNED TO VIETNAM. THE WHOLE PROCESS HAS INCREASED THE ANXIETIES OF THOSE WHO REMAIN.

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